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PATENT 241

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-225)

In re Application of:)
Ruszczyk et al.) Group Art Unit: 2662
Serial No.: 09/727,069) Examiner: Nguyen, Alan V.
Filed: November 30, 2000) Confirmation No.: 2727
For: Method for Reducing Interference From) Customer No.: 20306
Initializing Network Devices in a Data-)
Over-Cable System)

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5 **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 2, 2004**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following clarifications and remarks. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (two months), along with the requisite fee is also enclosed.

10 **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.